



Blessed Trinity

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What does the word “Annunciation” mean?

By Philip Kosloski



The name for March 25's solemnity is full of spiritual meaning.

In the Catholic Church, March 25 marks the solemnity known as the “Annunciation of the Lord.” What does that mean?

The word “annunciation” comes from how the Church names the feast day in Latin (*Annuntiationem Beatae Mariae Virginis*). The word *annuntiationem* has at its root the Latin word *annuntiare*, meaning “to announce.”

This word is referring to the “announcement” of the Lord’s incarnation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, as narrated in the Gospel of Luke.

And [the angel Gabriel] came to her and said, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. (Luke 1:28-31)

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
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Confessions can be arranged with
Fr. Wayne. Call his private
number to make your
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The solemnity of the Annunciation is a beautiful day in the Church, one that marks the free acceptance of God's plan by the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is the day when "the Word became flesh," making his home within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is also a preview of Christmas Day, which occurs exactly nine months after March 25. The great mystery of the incarnation begins on this momentous day of the Annunciation, a day that challenges us to look at our own lives and how God has "announced" his plan to us. While most of us never receive such an announcement through the words of an angel, God still tries to communicate his will to us through the desires of our hearts.

We simply have to open our hearts to God and listen attentively to what he is trying to speak to us.

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Meet Me in the Desert

Lord of Lent, Lord of Easter
As you went into the desert
So do I follow
Putting aside that which distracts me
Grabs at me
Falsely claims me.
To search inside
To confront myself
My best, my worst
My good works and my sins.

And each time,
I find you there
To call me again
With words of challenge and words of mercy.

And as I fall to my knees, in prayer, in fasting
In sacrifice and penitence
Somehow, you have it in yourself to reach out
To renew me
To claim me as nothing of this world can claim me.

Meet me in the desert, Lord.
Claim me anew.
Amen.

Meet Me in the Desert is a prayer from *Catholic Relief Services*.

“Best Lent Ever 2021”

The Lenten “Journals” for 2021 are here! This year’s journey will be guided by Matthew Kelly’s book: I Heard God Laugh which was given out to parishioners at Christmas. To fully participate in this Lenten program, you are also invited to sign up for daily emails and a short video message at: BestLentEver.com/2021

With the help of I Heard God Laugh and the video selections, it is our hope that the daily readings will help you reflect on your life, discover what your soul truly hungers for and live this Lenten season as **your “Best Lent Ever”!**

A limited number of Journals are available at the Parish Office.

May God Bless your Lenten Journey.



Daily Mass, and Stations of the Cross During Lent

Masses Monday- Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Rosary Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Friday's Mass 8:00 a.m., Stations of the Cross immediately after Mass.

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

Confessions

Confessions are available by appointment.

Please call the office at 867-3663.

We make appointments to see our Doctors for Physical Healing.

Why would we not make an appointment for Spiritual Healing?

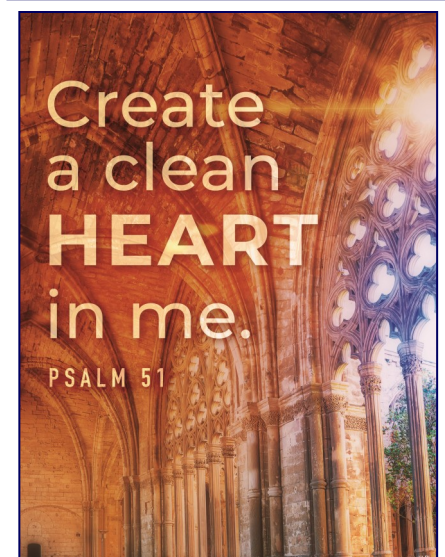
Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting and abstinence have a long history in the Church. The custom of self-denial is meant to simplify one's lifestyle so that freed from all distractions, we may hear and respond to God's continued call to conversion and holiness.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59 years (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Liquids are allowed.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

Pastoral Note: Persons unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, may practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.



Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Gene-reux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the Baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: btsp.org and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 20 Lenten Weekday
4:00 p.m. Miller Family (Dec)

Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Ann Deakins and Family (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Agnes Sadusky (Dec)

Monday, March 22, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. Marcia Holser (Liv)

Tuesday, March 23, Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo
8:00 a.m. Rachel Dutilly (Liv)

Wednesday, March 24, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Stanley Zaweski (Dec)

Friday, March 26, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. Jay Holser (Dec)

Saturday, March 27, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. Ken Bennett (Dec)
4:00 p.m. Mary and Frank Ward (Dec)

Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 a.m. John Menna (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Bill Maslar (Dec)

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being “troubled” and he speaks of “the time of judgment.” There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

“Yet what should I say?” he asks them. “Father, save me from this hour?” But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.”

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



Weekly Giving

Online Giving March 8-14

Offertory	\$ 1,070
Building Fund	\$ 30
Easter	\$ 50

March 14, 2021

Offertory	\$ 6,534
Building Fund	\$ 175
Gift Shop	\$ 122
Easter Flowers	\$ 350
APA	\$ 10
CRS	\$ 872
SVDP	\$ 1,020
Mission	\$ 1,202
Easter	\$ 225
Funeral	\$ 365

Thank you for your generosity!

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

For those wishing to contribute towards the Altar flowers, you may do so in two ways:

1. Use the Easter Flowers Envelope included in your envelope packet.
2. Complete this form and return it to the office with your donation.

The names of the donors will be listed in the bulletin. **Deadline for inclusion of your name in the Easter bulletin is Monday, March 22.** The names listed for remembrance and honor will be placed on the altar.

Please Check One:

☐ In Honor of

☐ In Memory of

Donor's Name: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____



Chrism Mass

MARCH 30, 2021 | 11:30 AM
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

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DIocese OF ST. PETERSBURG

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Join Bishop Gregory Parkes for the Chrism Mass Livestream or Radio Broadcast on March 30 at 11:30 a.m.

During the Chrism Mass, Bishop Parkes will consecrate the Sacred Chrism Oil that will be used during thousands of Baptisms and Confirmations throughout the coming year in local parishes. The bishop will also bless the Oil of Catechumens that is reserved for adults preparing to be baptized and the Oil of the Sick, that is reserved for those who are seriously ill. Priests also renew their commitment to priestly service.

The Chrism Mass from the Cathedral of St. Jude will be livestreamed at dosp.org/livestream, facebook.com/diostpete and youtube.com/diocesefstpete as well via radio broadcast on Spirit FM 90.5.

Magazine Articles

If you wish to put anything in the weekly parish magazine, please email any items to be published to Anne at: bulletinbt@gmail.com.

Messa in Italiano

Cathedral of St. Jude
 Sunday, March 28, 3:00pm
 Please come to pray in
 ITALIANO
 Celebrant:
 Fr. Anthony M. Fortunato, OdeM



Electronic Giving Information

During our recent Stewardship Campaign, a lot of people requested information on our Electronic Giving Program. Making contributions electronically is really easy, whether you would like to make a one-time gift or make it a recurring gift for a specific or indefinite period of time.

All you have to do is go to the parish website at www.btsp.or and click on the big green box on the home page that says:

make a difference
DONATE

Then, click on "sign in" and then, if you're new to online giving, "register for an account". If you need help, our business manager, Alice Coston, will be happy to help in walking you through it. You can reach her at the parish office at 727-867-3663.

CRS Rice Bowls

Blessed Trinity is making Rice Bowls with Lenten reflection calendars available for parishioners to participate. At the end of Lent, **please do not bring the Rice Bowls back to the church**, but rather, count the money you have collected and write a check payable to Catholic Relief Services and mail to:

Catholic Relief Services
 Rice Bowl
 P.O. Box 17090

Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303

A postage-paid envelope will be included in the materials.

You may also make your donation online at: www.crsricebowl.org



Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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